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SUBJECT: BURUNDI GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR FAMILY PLANNING AID

REF: (A) 75 BUJUMBURA 685; (B) DEC 30, 1975 MEMCON BETWEEN
MINISTER HEALTH NINDORERA AND EMBOFFS; (C) BUJUMBURA 108;
(D) BUJUMBURA 120; (E) 75 STATE 209565

1. BURUNDI'S MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR. JOSEPH
NINDORERA, ON MARCH 3, TOOK MAJOR FORMAL STEP TOWARD ADDRESSING
ACUTE POPULATION GROWTH PROBLEMS IN BURUNDI BY SENDING US A
NOTE WHICH SEEKS BIRTH CONTROL LITERATURE FROM USG. IN DOING
SO, HE WAS FOLLOWING THROUGH ON EARLIER POSITIVE ATTITUDES
TOWARD FAMILY PLANNING COMMUNICATED PRIVATELY TO EMBOFFS (REFS
A AND B), AND PUBLICLY DURING END JANUARY TOP LEVEL GOVERNMENT
SEMINAR (REF C).

2. NINDORERA'S OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO AMEMBASSY MUST
STILL BE ENDORSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BECOME A FULL
GRB POSITION, BUT THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT
ASSEMBLE IN BUJUMBURA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FIFTY COPIES EACH, AS
HE REQUESTS, OF THE SPECIFIC STUDIES (LISTED BELOW); ON THE WHYS
AND HOWS OF FAMILY PLANNING. NINDORERA'S NOTE SAYS THAT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND
CORRECTLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO GROWING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM
INDIVIDUALS FOR HELP ON FAMILY SPACING, MUST HAVE THESE
MATERIALS SO AS TO ALERT BURUNDI'S MEDICAL STAFFS TO PROBLEMS

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AND TECHNIQUES INVOLVED IN THE "REGULATION OF BIRTHS". SINCE

NINDORERA PLANS ALSO TO INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT INTO CURRICULA OF MEDICAL TECHNICIANS' SCHOOLS, HE WILL NEED MANY COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION BOTH TO CLINICS AND TO CLASSROOMS THROUGHOUT BURUNDI. HE ADDS THAT HIS REQUEST FOR MATERIALS IS ADDRESSED TO AMEMBASSY BECAUSE (SPA) MATERNITY CLINIC PROJECT AGREEMENT SIGNED FEB 10 (REF D) STIPULATED THAT ONE ASPECT OF USG SUPPORT WOULD BE THE SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING MODERN FAMILY PLANNING TECHNIQUES.

3. WE KNOW THAT NOTHING MOVES QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENTATION IN BURUNDI, AND THAT, EVEN AFTER REQUESTED LITERATURE IS ON HAND HERE, THERE WILL REMAIN PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL, TECHNICAL, AND PEDAGOGIC NATURE IN PROMOTING THESE NEW IDEAS. NEVERTHELESS, NINDORERA'S COMMUNICATION IS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH, ON WHICH OUR SIDE SHOULD MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED SEVERAL PERTINENT BUT STILL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN TELEGRAMS DATING BACK ALMOST SIX MONTHS (REF A REPEATED REF D), INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING VISIT OF A FAMILY PLANNING EXPERT TO BURUNDI (AS REF E SUGGESTED WAS POSSIBLE). WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLIEST REPLY.

4. SEVERAL EMBOFFS AND I HAVE IN LAST YEAR AND A HALF CAUTIOUSLY STUCK OUT OUR NECKS ON POPULATION ISSUES IN TALKS WITH TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS WILLING TO LISTEN BY ARGUING THAT CONTINUATION OF PAST TRADITIONS OF OBSESSION WITH FECUNDITY WOULD LEAD BURUNDI TO NATIONAL DISASTER. THE INITIAL HOSTILE REACTION REFLECTS VIEWS WHICH STILL HAVE WIDE CURRENCY, BUT MORE THOUGHTFUL LEADERS WITH BETTER EDUCATION HAVE NOW COME TO UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIVE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE ACTION (REF C). OUR EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE DISCREET AND PRUDENT, WITH THE LEAD COMING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM AROUSED BURUNDIANS SUCH AS HEALTH MINISTER. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE SUCH MEN IN THE LURCH BY DELAYS IN MEETING THEIR MODEST REQUESTS OR BY FAILING TO PUT THEM INTO TOUCH WITH VISITING EXPERTS WHO CAN SHARE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. FOLLOWING LIST SUBMITTED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH CARRIES TITLES IN FRENCH, AND, SINCE 50 COPIES OF EACH ARE DESIRED, WE ARE SURE THAT ENGLISH VERSIONS WILL NOT MEET NEEDS. IF COPIES CAN BE ASSEMBLED, THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SURFACE POUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIPMENTS TO BUJUMBURA WHICH ARE CURRENTLY SENT BY AIR TO NAIROBI.

(A) "ORGANISATION DES SERVICES DE PLANIFICATION FAMILIALE", (ORGANIZATION OF THE SERVICES OF FAMILY PLANNING) WRITTEN BY F. ROZA, PUBLISHED BY THE PATHFINDER FUND, 1330 BOYLSTON ST, CHESTNUT HILL, BOSTON, MASS 02167.

(B) "LES DISPOSITIFS INTRA-UTERINE" (INTRAUTERINE DEVICES)

FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS ITEM A.

(C) "LA PLANIFICATION FAMILIALE, UN DEFI A CEUX QUI TRAVAILLENT POUR LA SANTE DANS TOUS LES PAYS" (FAMILY PLANNING, A CHALLENGE TO THOSE WHO DO HEALTH WORK IN ALL COUNTRIES", WRITTEN BY DOCTORS GAMBLE AND GUTTMACHER, FROM SAME SOURCE AS ITEM A.

(D) "REGULATION DES NAISSANCES: LE ROLE DE L'INFIRMIERE" (REGULATION OF BIRTHS, THE ROLE OF THE NURSE), WRITTEN BY M.T. MANSOFF, FROM THE POPULATION CONCIL 245 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017.

(E) "DOSSIER DES CONTRACEPTIFS INTRA-UTERINE" (DOCUMENTATION OF INTRAUTERINE CONTRACEPTIVES), FROM THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, 78 HAVEN AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10032.

(F) "MANUEL DES TECHNIQUES DE PLANIFICATION FAMILIALE POUR INFIRMIERES ET SAGES FEMMES" (MANUAL FOR THE TECHNIQUES OF FAMILY PLANNING FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES), WRITTEN BY E. PENDLETON, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, BOX 24, DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER, 450 CLARKSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11293

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(G) "INTRODUCTION AUX PROBLEMES DE LA PLANNING FAMILIAL ET DE LA LIMITATION DES NAISSANCES DANS LE TIERS MONDE" (INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF FAMILY PLANNING AND LIMITATION OF BIRTHS IN THE THIRD WORLD), WRITTEN BY P. PRADERVAND, FROM "LES EDITIONS DU CENTRE DU PLANNING FAMILIAL DU QUEBEC", 65 EAST

SHERBROOK STREET, MONTREAL.

(H) THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION AT 18/20 LOWER REGENT STREET, LONDON SW1Y 1PW: (1) MANUEL MEDICAL (MEDICAL MANUAL); (2) "CONTRACEPTION INTRA-UTERINE" (INTRAUTERINE CONTRACEPTION); (3) "VASECTOMIE" (VASECTOMY); (4) "CYTOLOGIE CERVICALE ET VAGINALE-TECHNIQUE SIMPLIFIEE" (CERVICAL AND VAGINAL CYTOLOGY, SIMPLIFIED TECHNIQUE); (5) "LE PLANNING FAMILIAL POUR LES SAGES FEMMES ET LES INFIRMIERES" (FAMILY PLANNING FOR MIDWIVES AND NURSES); (6) "MERES ET ENFANTS BEIN PORTANTS" (MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN GOOD HEALTH); (7) "DOCUMENT DE TRAVAIL NO. 5: RAPPORT ENTRE LA TAILLE DE LA FAMILLE ET LA SANTE DE LA MERE ET DE L'ENFANT" (WORKING DOCUMENT NO. 5: RELATION BETWEEN THE SIZE OF THE FAMILY AND THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER AND CHILD).

(I) "LA REGULATION DES NAISSANCES" (REGULATION OF BIRTHS) WRITTEN BY E. HAFEMANN, AND PUBLISHED BY TIME-LIFE INTERNATIONAL IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND.

(J) "CONDUITE A TENIR DEVANT UNE DEMANDE DE CONTRACEPTION" (ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE FACE OF A REQUEST FOR CONTRACEPTION), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLISHED BY LABS. TERAPLIX, 46/52 RUE ALBERT, 75640 PARIS, FRANCE.

(K) "LES CONTRACEPTIFS ORAUX, 100 QUESTIONS" (ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES, 100 QUESTIONS), PUBLISHED BY LABS. WYETH-BYLA, 101 RUE DE TOLBIAC, 75013 PARIS FRANCE.

(L) "100 QUESTIONS SUR LES STERILETS" (100 QUESTIONS ON THE COIL), PUBLISHED BY LABO SEARLE, PERISUD, 7 BOULEVARD RAMAIN-ROLLAND, 92128 MONTRouGE, FRANCE.

(M) "PRATIQUE DE LA CONTRACEPTION" (PRACTICE OF CONTRACEPTION) IN DOCUMENTS MIDY NO. 63-BIS, LABS MIDY, YU AVENUE WAGRAM, 75017 PARIS, FRANCE.

(N) "GYNECOLOGIE DU PRATICIEN" (THE PRACTITIONER'S GYNECOLOGY), BY DR. LEPAGE, LABO SEARLE, PERISUD, 7 BOULEVARD RAMAIN-ROLLAND, OWQWI MONTRouGE, FRANCE.

(O) "MECANISME DE L'ACTION CONTRACEPTIVE DU CORPS ETRANGER INTRA-UTERINE" (MECHANISM OF THE CONTRACEPTIVE ACTION OF THE FOREIGN INTRAUTERINE BODY), BY SEGAL AND ATKINSON, PUBLISHED BY THE POPULATION COUNCIL (ADDRESS UNDER "D" ABOVE).

(P) "INFECONDITE EN AFRIQUE NOIRE" (STERILITY IN BLACK AFRICA), BY DR. RETEL-LAURENTIN, PUBLISHED BY EDITIONS MASSON, 120 BOULEVARD SAINT GERMAIN, 75006 PARIS, FRANCE.

(Q) "LE PERSONNEL AUXILIAIRE DE LA SANTE PUBLIQUE DANS
LES PAYS EN VOIE DE DEVELOPPEMENT" (AUXILIARY PUBLIC HEALTH
PERSONNEL IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) BY N.P.E. FENDALL,
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